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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 608  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Smoky Mountain  
Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Inc.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pause and recognize the members of those outstanding organizations whose estimable efforts and dedication have distinguished them as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy organization is the Smoky Mountain Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Inc., whose astounding membership most skillfully upholds the admirable goals of Sweet Adelines International: to teach and train members in musical harmony and appreciation, to create and promote barbershop quartets and other musical groups, and to give musical performances; and

WHEREAS, Sweet Adelines International was formed in 1945 and is a respected source of education in the barbershop style, which involves singing and close harmony; today, the organization enjoys a membership of over 35,000 women worldwide; and

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WHEREAS, in 1998, five former Sweet Adelines from Knoxville approached Ms. Nancy Shummard (a fifteen-year veteran of directing and singing bass for the acclaimed “Weekend Edition,” the 1996 International Queens of Harmony) about initiating a new chapter; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, a small group of women began rehearsing in the summer of 1998, and in December of 1999 the Smoky Mountain Harmony Chorus was chartered with a most dynamic membership of 57 women; and

WHEREAS, these exemplary ladies are some of the most talented and skilled singers in the area; they hail from Knoxville, several surrounding counties, including Loudon and Anderson Counties, and from as far away as Cleveland and Chattanooga; they gather for rehearsals and breathtaking performances; and

WHEREAS, October 16, 1999 marked the first annual performance of the Smoky Mountain Harmony Chorus, with 45 members sharing the stage in musical precision; and

WHEREAS, the newly chartered chorus is part of the Heart of Dixie Region 23, which includes Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and the Florida Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2000, this most esteemed chorus gave an impeccable performance in the Region 23 competition in Chattanooga, Tennessee; they earned first place honors by posting one of the highest scores ever recorded; and

WHEREAS, the Smoky Mountain Harmony Chorus has the singular distinction of being the first chorus to win a regional championship in the same year it was chartered; and

WHEREAS, these talented ladies are now preparing to vie for an international title in the fall of 2001 in Portland, Oregon; they will compete against other worthy regional winners from around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of this great state are pleased to pause and commend the remarkable members of the Smoky Mountain Harmony Chorus for their numerous musical accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the exceptional members of the Smoky Mountain Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Inc. and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation and sent to Johann Dutton, 1400 Old Hollow Rd, Loudon, TN, 37774, with this final clause omitted from such copy.